

SOCIETY MEETINGS

999th Regular Meeting—January 5, 1995

The 999th Regular Meeting of the Entomological Society of Washington was called to order by President John W. Neal, Jr. in the Naturalists' Center of the National Museum of Natural History at 8:04 pm on January 5, 1995. The meeting was attended by 20 members and two guests. Minutes for the 998th meeting were read for outgoing Recording Secretary Dr. M. Alma Solis by incoming Recording Secretary Ms Darlene D. Judd. Minutes were accepted as read.

President Neal called for officer reports. Reporting for Membership Chair M. Alma Solis, Dr. Nathan M. Schiff announced that no new membership applications had been submitted for December 1994.

President Neal called for reports of old business. Committee member, Dr. John M. Heraty reported the 1000th meeting would be held at the Log Lodge in Beltsville on Ground Hog Day and wine and cheese would be served. Dr. Heraty elaborated on the recent trials and tribulations in the search for a guest speaker and announced that the Committee expected a firm commitment from a potential individual in the following week. President Neal announced that the 1000th meeting would have two speakers. A visiting speaker, as yet unconfirmed and a speaker from the membership, Theodore J. Spillman. In the 1984 *Proceedings of the Entomological Society of Washington* 86: 1–10, Mr. Spillman published an account of the first 100 years of Society activities and his presentation for the 1000th meeting will convey the meaning "of Society." This concluded the reports of old business.

President Neal called for new business, but there was none.

President Neal called for the presentation of notes, exhibitions, and accessories. President Neal noted for the first time in many meetings that Dr. Nathan M. Schiff had

nothing to present to the membership. An ensuing discussion suggested Dr. Schiff's memory lapse was due to a "seasonal-affected disorder." Ms Jill Swearingen brought a copy of the "Identification Guide to Ant Genera of the World" by Barry Bolton (1994, \$65.00), published by Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts. President Neal then queried the membership on the possibility of an amended format for 1000th meeting. Dr. Raymond J. Gayné suggested maintaining the format of the Regular meeting for the benefit of visitors and guests. President Neal subsequently instructed Program Chair Nathan Schiff to request the membership to bring unusual notes and specimens to this particular meeting and questioned whether a special announcement should be sent to members. Dr. Schiff reported that a flyer announcing the speakers and other information would be sent to members, but those present should remind their colleagues to bring notes and exhibitions to the 1000th meeting. It was resolved that the format for the Regular meeting would be maintained for the 1000th meeting.

Dr. Nathan M. Schiff, Program Chair, introduced the speaker for the evening, Dr. Paul J. Spangler, Department of Entomology, Smithsonian Institution, whose talk was entitled "An Expedition to the Mountain of the Mist, Venezuela." The presentation focused on a biotic survey conducted in 1985 of the Cerro de la Neblina in southern Venezuela. One hundred forty-four research scientists spent 45 days collecting, illustrating, preserving, and preparing specimens from variety of habitats. The slide presentation captured the varied landscape, dramatic views, unusual flora and fauna, various collection methods, and the day to day activities of field biologists. Investigators collected 54,926 specimens and wrote 125 publications from this one expedition.

Among the Insecta, 89 species were new to science, with the orders Coleoptera, Odonata, and Trichoptera producing the most new species. In addition to the presentation, Dr. Spangler displayed a drawer of insects, botanicals, and maps of the area.

President Neal called for the introduction of new members and visitors. Mrs. Mignon Davis announced that a retirement party had been given by the Department of Entomology for Dr. Oliver S. Flint at the Natural History Building on 5 January 1995. Dr. Flint specializes on the order Trichoptera and had been a Research Scientist with the Smithsonian Institution for 37 years. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Refreshments were provided by Dr. Harold Harlan.

Darlene D. Judd, *Recording Secretary*

1000th Regular Meeting—February 2, 1995

The 1000th Regular Meeting of the Entomological Society of Washington was called to order by President John W. Neal, Jr. in the USDA Auditorium, Building 003 in Beltsville, Maryland, at just after 8:00 pm on February 2, 1995. The meeting was attended by 60 members and 55 guests.

President Neal gave a short welcoming address to the audience. His presentation focused on the organizational meeting of the Entomological Society of Washington held on February 29, 1884, making our Society the 4th oldest entomological society in America. President Neal brought with him a copy of the announcement for that meeting held at the home of C. V. Riley.

The first order of business by President Neal was to postpone the reading of the minutes from the 999th Meeting of the Entomological Society of Washington to the regular March Meeting. There were no objections to the amended by-laws and it was tabled without a motion. President Neal called for reports from officers. Membership Chair Dr. M. Alma Solis announced that no new membership applications had been submitted for January 1995.

President Neal called for reports of old business. In behalf of the Society, President Neal acknowledged Drs. W. Steven Shephard, Nathan Schiff, and John Heraty for their skillful organization and planning of activities encompassing the 1000th meeting.

President Neal then called for presentation of notes and the exhibition of specimens. The President brought for exhibit two books: the "Fourth Annual Report to the State of Missouri," by C. V. Riley and "A History of Economic Entomology," by L. O. Howard (1930). As a personal recommendation of the latter, Dr. Neal stated "it will absolutely make you forget about what is going on in the real world."

Dr. Nathan M. Schiff, Program Chair, introduced the first speaker for the evening. Theodore J. Spilman, a member of our Society spoke on "Vignettes of a Thousand Meetings." Mr. Spilman acted as the audience's tour guide for a historic stroll through previously published reports in the Society minutes. Highly entertaining and craftily delivered, the personalities of the founders and flavor of the meetings left one with impression that a good time was had by all in attendance at those early meetings. Mr. Spilman closed his presentation by announcing that the 2000th meeting of the Entomological Society of Washington would be held on March 4, 2106.

Dr. Pam Henson, Smithsonian Archives, introduced the second speaker for the evening, Dr. David L. Hull from Northwestern University. He spoke on "Why Scientists Behave Scientifically." The talk focused on aspects of science which he perceives are done well by scientists.

President Neal normally would have requested at this time that visitors stand and introduce themselves; however, he broke with tradition and requested that the following individuals stand and be acknowledged: Honorary Members, followed by Past Presidents and finally Past and Present Officers and Chairpersons. (By the secretary's account, only the visitors remained seated.)